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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS CRITICIZES PRESIDENT FORD'D TV
STATEMENTS

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS USED PRESIDENT FORD'S AUGUST 7
TV STATEMENTS ON MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF GREEK JUNTA FOR LAST YEAR'S EVENTS IN CYPRUS FOR CRITICISM OF US POLICY. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS AUGUST 9 ASKS RHETORICALLY, WHY DID USG PERMIT COUP TO OCCUR AND WHY DIDN'T USG PREVENT TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS? GOES ON TO SAY USG SHOULD PRESSURE TURKEY TO AGREE TO ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI PREDICTABLY SAYS PRESIDENT FORD TRYING FOOL AMERICAN PEOPLE, BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS USG CREATED JUNTA.

2. PRO-CLERIDES AGON AUGUST 12 HARSHLY CRITICIZES RECENT TV STATEMENT: "WE (EARLIER) DESCRIBED FORD AS MORE TURKISH THAN A TURK, BECAUSE HE JUSTIFIED ATTLA INVASION BY REFERRING
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TO COUP. HOWEVER, FULL TEXT HIS REMARKS WORSE THAN MAIN

POINTS WHICH WERE REPORTED BY NEWS AGENCIES. AFTER IGNORING
ROLE PLAYED BY HIS COUNTRY AND ITS SUPPORT FOR JUNTA FOR
SEVEN YEARS, HE NOW CRITICIZES (JUNTA) BECAUSE ITS ACTIONS
RESULTED IN AMERICA LOSING ITS BASES IN TURKEY -- IF THE
BASES ARE LOST. HE IS TRYING MISLEAD PUBLIC OPINION IN HIS
COUNTRY BY SAYING NOTHING ABOUT FACT THAT ARMS BAN WAS IM-
POSED BECAUSE TURKEY VIOLATED AMERICAN LAWS. INSTEAD OF
DEFENDING LAWS WHICH HE TOOK OATH TO RESPECT, HE CRITICIZES
THOSE WHO IMPOSE RESPECT FOR THEM. HIS PREDECESSOR WAS
PUNISHED IN MOST SEVERE WAY FOR VIOLATING LAW AND FOR LYING
TO THE PEOPLE. WILL FORD'S COME TOO?

3. COMMENT: THIS IS STRONG MEDICINE COMING FROM CENTRIST JOURNAL
AGON.
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